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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 7, 2000

APPLICATION OF

NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC. CASE NO. PUC000178

For certificates of public
convenience and necessity to
provide local exchange and
interexchange telecommunications
services

AMENDED ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On August 25, 2000, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Hearing in the above-captioned case. The Applicant, NewSouth Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("NewSouth" or "Applicant"), filed on October 25, 2000, its Motion for Change in Procedural Dates wherein Applicant revealed that it failed to provide notice to local exchange and interexchange telephone carriers certificated in Virginia as previously directed. The Commission is of the opinion that Applicant's motion should be granted and that the Order for Notice and Hearing should be amended to reschedule the prehearing matters previously ordered and that the public hearing scheduled for November 21, 2000, shall be retained.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before November 8, 2000, the Applicant shall provide a copy of the notice contained in the paragraph below to

each local exchange telephone carrier certified in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. Lists of those carriers and their addresses is attached as Appendices A and B, respectively:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC.,
FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUC00178

On August 10, 2000, NewSouth Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("NewSouth " or "Applicant"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its application, the Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

A public hearing will be convened on November 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to NewSouth's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services. The Commission will hear evidence on NewSouth's application for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services at the November 21, 2000, public hearing only if substantive objections to this

portion of the application are filed on or before November 13, 2000. If no such substantive objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services without a hearing.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from Eric M. Page, Esquire, LeClair Ryan, P.C., 4201 Dominion Boulevard, Suite 200, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on NewSouth's application for certificates to provide local exchange telecommunications services or interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before November 13, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning NewSouth's application for a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant, pursuant to Commission Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for complete details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning NewSouth's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC000178.

NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

(2) Pursuant to our Amended Order, any local exchange and interexchange telephone carriers certificated in Virginia that received notice by the Applicant subsequent to November 7, 2000, shall adhere to the following schedule changes:

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| a. | Public hearing | 11/21/00 (no change) |
| b. | Publication of Notice | 09/15/00 (no change) |
| c. | Notice to Carriers | From 09/15/00 to 11/07/00 |
| d. | Proof of notice and service | 11/01/00 (no change) |
| e. | Prefiled direct testimony | 10/06/00 (no change) |
| f. | Notice of Protest | From 10/06/00 to 11/13/00 |
| g. | Objection to IXC certificate | From 10/06/00 to 11/13/00 |
| h. | IXC certificate comments | From 10/06/00 to 11/13/00 |
| i. | CLEC certificate comments | From 10/06/00 to 11/13/00 |
| j. | Protestant participation | From 10/06/00 to 11/13/00 |
| k. | Protestant testimony/exhibits | From 10/06/00 to 11/13/00 |

(3) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of NewSouth's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before November 16, 2000.

(4) On or before November 16, 2000, if necessary, the Commission Staff may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the public hearing. A copy of the Staff's direct testimony shall be mailed to counsel for the Applicant and to each Protestant.

(5) On or before November 20, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal. Any direct prefiled testimony shall be mailed to Staff and each Protestant by overnight delivery.

(6) At the commencement of the hearing scheduled herein, NewSouth shall provide to the Commission proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (3) and (4) herein.

(7) At the commencement of the hearing scheduled for November 21, 2000, NewSouth shall provide to the Commission proof of notice required by ordering paragraph (1) herein.

(8) All other provisions of our August 25, 2000, Order for Notice and Hearing shall remain in effect.